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completion of debate or the expiration of 15 minutes, whichever comes first, a vote will be taken to advance the bill on the pending matters pursuant to rule. And if any amendment is adopted, other than the Standing Committee amendment, that adds new subject matter, that bill will not be scheduled for consent calendar at the next stage of debate. With that, Mr. Clerk, we now move to LB 873.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 873 was a bill by Senator Cudaback. (Read title.) Introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the General Affairs, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2628, Legislative Journal page 573.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Cudaback, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, this is truly a...a simple bill in the fact that it does one thing. It crosses out a number, 1999, and puts in 2002. That simply is what it does. The National Electric Code is revised by the National Fire Protection Association every third year. And our, as most of you know, been through this with me, I think, four or five times, every third year we revise it and update our codes with what this group has come up with. And that's the minimum standards. We can make it tougher, but we choose not to have our own makeup board. We simply go with the National Fire Protection Association. And this is what it does; it changes the date, 1999, to the...to the...2002, simply does that. It's a seven-member board we have over here and that's what it does. And so I ask for your...passage of this bill just to make us compliant with our own regs. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen, your recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mister...thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. The committee amendments would add the emergency clause to LB 873. The National Electric Code is a minimum wiring standards governing the State Electrical Board, and ensures that the electrical installations in Nebraska would